



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q58683

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Examiner: Ruth S. Smith

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of May 10, 2004 to October 12, 2004¹.

A check for the statutory fee of \$430.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

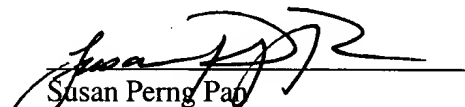
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¹ Please note that since the due date of October 10, 2004 fell on a Saturday, and since Monday, October 11, 2004 is a Federal Holiday (Columbus Day), this Amendment is being timely filed on the next business day of Tuesday, October 12, 2004.